



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Louisiana ranks 8th in the United States for the number of working uninsured without access to health coverage; and

WHEREAS, one in five Louisiana adults have no health coverage; and

WHEREAS, one in three Louisiana adults have no access to a nearby primary care facility; and

WHEREAS, uninsured Americans live sicker and die younger than those who are covered, and suffer needlessly because they go without the health care they need; and

WHEREAS, with health care costs climbing rapidly, employers and working families in our community are finding it harder to afford coverage.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the state of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim May 10-16, 2004, as

COVER THE UNINSURED WEEK

in the state of Louisiana, and we recognize the urgency of seeking solutions to one of America's greatest problems by recognizing the voluntary efforts of hundreds of physicians, nurses, dentists, health care staff and others who work tirelessly in our community health care clinics throughout our state.



*Attest By
The Governor*

[Signature of Joseph M. Keithen]
Secretary of State

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set
my hand officially and caused to be affixed the
Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the
Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this
the 7th day of May
A.D., 2004.*

[Signature of Kathleen Babineaux Blanco]
Governor of Louisiana